



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5912

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AN ACT PROMOTING STEM CELL RESEARCH IN THE STATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) There is established a
2 Connecticut Advanced Cell Advisory Council. Said council shall
3 consist of the chairperson of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, or
4 said chairperson's designee, and twelve members appointed as
5 follows: Four by the Governor, two by the president pro tempore of
6 the Senate, two by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one by
7 the majority leader of the Senate, one by the majority leader of the
8 House of Representatives, one by the minority leader of the Senate and
9 one by the minority leader of the House of Representatives. Ten of
10 such appointed members shall (1) possess knowledge, skill and
11 expertise in the field of embryonic, adult and umbilical cord stem cell
12 research, (2) be working as researchers or scientists or in other
13 capacities, for academic institutions, industry, nonprofit organizations
14 or government to advance embryonic, adult and umbilical cord stem
15 cell research in the state, and (3) have favorable reputations for such
16 knowledge, skill, expertise and experience. Two of such appointed
17 members shall be experienced in the field of commerce, trade and
18 business. All appointments to the council shall be made by November
19 1, 2005. Each appointed member shall serve for a term of four years.
20 Any vacancy on the council shall be filled by the appointing authority.

21 (b) The chairperson of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, or the
22 chairperson's designee, shall serve as the chairperson of the council
23 and shall schedule the first meeting of the council, which shall be held
24 not later than December 1, 2005.

25 (c) Not later than June 30, 2006, and annually thereafter, the
26 Connecticut Advanced Cell Advisory Council shall submit a report to
27 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
28 cognizance of matters relating to commerce and public health, in
29 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
30 Said report shall (1) include an analysis of the status of embryonic,
31 adult and umbilical cord stem cell research in the state, and (2)
32 examine and identify specific ways to improve and promote for profit
33 and not-for-profit embryonic, adult and umbilical cord stem cell
34 research in the state, including, but not limited to, identifying both
35 public and private funding sources for such research, maintaining
36 existing embryonic, adult and umbilical cord stem cell related
37 businesses, recruiting new embryonic, adult and umbilical cord stem
38 cell related businesses to the state and recruiting scientists and
39 researchers in such field to the state.

40 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) There is established the
41 "Stem Cell Research Fund", which shall be managed by Connecticut
42 Innovations, Incorporated. The fund may contain any moneys
43 required by law to be deposited in the fund and any funds received
44 from any public or private contributions, gifts, grants, donations,
45 bequests or devises. Investment earnings credited to the assets of the
46 fund shall become part of the assets of the fund. The moneys in the
47 fund shall be used by Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated to
48 advance embryonic, adult and umbilical cord stem cell research in
49 Connecticut pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. Any balance
50 remaining in the account at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried
51 forward in the account for the next fiscal year.

52 (b) Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated shall use the moneys in
53 the Stem Cell Research Fund, on the recommendation of the

54 Connecticut Advanced Cell Advisory Council, to (1) develop a
 55 program to encourage the donation of funds to supplement state
 56 appropriations to the Stem Cell Research Fund, (2) establish and
 57 administer a stem cell research grant program under which grants
 58 shall be provided to research institutions for the advancement of
 59 embryonic, adult and umbilical cord stem cell and related research, (3)
 60 establish a separate peer review committee that shall review grants
 61 under said program, (4) establish and administer a stem cell research
 62 facilities fund for the construction of laboratory and related space, and
 63 (5) establish and administer a program for the purpose of investing in
 64 embryonic, adult and umbilical cord stem cell related businesses. The
 65 Commissioner of Public Health, or said commissioner's designee, shall
 66 be an ex-officio member of the peer review committee established
 67 under subdivision (3) of this subsection. Connecticut Innovations,
 68 Incorporated, shall carry out the provisions of this subsection in
 69 conjunction with other state, quasi-public agency and federal
 70 programs. The board of directors of Connecticut Innovations,
 71 Incorporated shall adopt written procedures, in accordance with the
 72 provisions of section 1-121 of the general statutes, for the allocation
 73 and expenditure of moneys under this section.

74 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The sum of ten million dollars is
 75 appropriated to the Stem Cell Research Fund established pursuant to
 76 section 2 of this act, from the General Fund, for each fiscal year, from
 77 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, until the fiscal year ending June 30,
 78 2015, inclusive.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | New section |
| Sec. 2 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | New section |
| Sec. 3 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | New section |

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In the next to last sentence of section 1(a), "council" was substituted for "committee" for statutory consistency.

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